

Old Town Historical Committee  
June 8, 2009  
Monday

5:30 PM  
**Minutes**

**Call to order:** Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:49pm

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

Mr. Jarvis moved to excuse Mr. Deeds. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**                    **AYES:**                    **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**  
                                 **NAYS:**  
                                 Motion carried.

Also, in attendance was Mr. Neimayer, Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Mr. Peoples (Public Works), Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting; seconded by Mr. Jarvis.

**VOTE:**                    **AYES:**                    **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**  
                                 **NAYS:**  
                                 Motion carried.

**Pended Items:**

**06-01      Interurban Building Update**

Mr. Jarvis stated that the last time he spoke with Bill Sims, he was working to come up with some proposals for the outside concrete work. The one that he obtained was over \$25,000, so he brought the scope of the job in to try to fit it in under the \$25K goal.

**New Items for Discussion**

**09-03      Old Town Preservation Guidelines**

Mr. Neimayer explained the current procedures and used a power point presentation to do so.

Within the Historic District, any exterior changes go before the Landmarks Commission; the only exception being, a “like for like” situation, where the same color, material, etc is being used.

Within the preservation area, it was set up so that any changes or improvements would be minor and would be handled administratively. If the change is extensive enough, it could be forwarded to Landmarks Commission.

Some of the guidelines were left open because the houses in the Preservation Area are so different that stringent across the board guidelines weren't possible. The homeowner will still come before the board and make sure that their improvements fit in with the surrounding area, but decisions are made on a case by case situation.

Mr. Jarvis stated that the process works well. He had some questions regarding the language in the new construction guidelines. Discussion ensued. Mr. Jarvis suggested an ad hoc committee consisting of 2 members from Landmarks, 2 members from Old Town and 2 members from Planning and Zoning to meet a couple times over the next 90 days to go over this section of the guidelines and clarify its contents. Mr. Jarvis volunteered to make the agendas for these meetings.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to send a notice to the chairs of Landmarks and P&Z asking for two volunteers from each to 1) review the existing preservation guideline section for new construction or major additions and make revisions, 2) to form consensus on any recommended additions or changes, 3) to coordinate those changes within their respective groups and for staff to coordinate a schedule among those volunteers for the two meetings.

Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**                      **AYES:**                      **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**  
   **NAYS:**  
   Motion carried.

#### **09-04      Naming of Alleys**

Mr. Peoples handed out exhibits showing 4 alleys that have yet to be named. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry recommended that the alley off of Beck between West and Park Streets be named Meredith Alley after the daughter of the woman that developed the area. Discussion ensued. Two of the other alleys were named Conrad Alley and Roy Crist Alley. It was left up to staff to look into more history of the area to come up with the fourth name.

Mr. Jarvis moved that we adopt the three names of the alleys and allow for staff to come up with another name for the final alley and take those recommendations to full council.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry seconded the motion. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry will sponsor the resolution.

**VOTE:**                      **AYES:**                      **Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**  
   **NAYS:**  
   Motion carried.

(The fourth alley was ultimately named Lombardi Alley.)

#### **Old Business:**

Mr. Strayer stated that it had been awhile since we looked over the Old Town inventory and asked if an agenda item could be added to the next meeting to review it.

Mr. Garvin asked if Dick Miller and STAB were going to come up with a landscaping plan for the interurban building. Mr. Jarvis said Dick will be creating that plan and that will allow us to go out and seek donations of plant material to keep the costs under budget.

**Adjournment:**

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Jarvis.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry</b>
	<b>NAYS:</b>	
		Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm